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YEARS AGO, THE LIFE FOUNDATION–A DANGEROUS CONGLOMERATE THAT, FOR A TIME, FOCUSED ITS EFFORTS ON DESTROYING SPIDER-MAN–CAPTURED THE VENOM SYMBIOTE AND FORCED IT TO SPAWN FIVE OFFSPRING: SCREAM, LASHER, RIOT, AGONY AND PHAGE.

DONNA DIEGO WAS THE ORIGINAL HOST TO THE SCREAM SYMBIOTE BEFORE HER MURDER AT THE HANDS OF EDDIE BROCK. SINCE HER DEATH, THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE SCREAM SYMBIOTE HAVE REMAINED UNKNOWN...

ABSOLUTE CARNAGE

SCREAM

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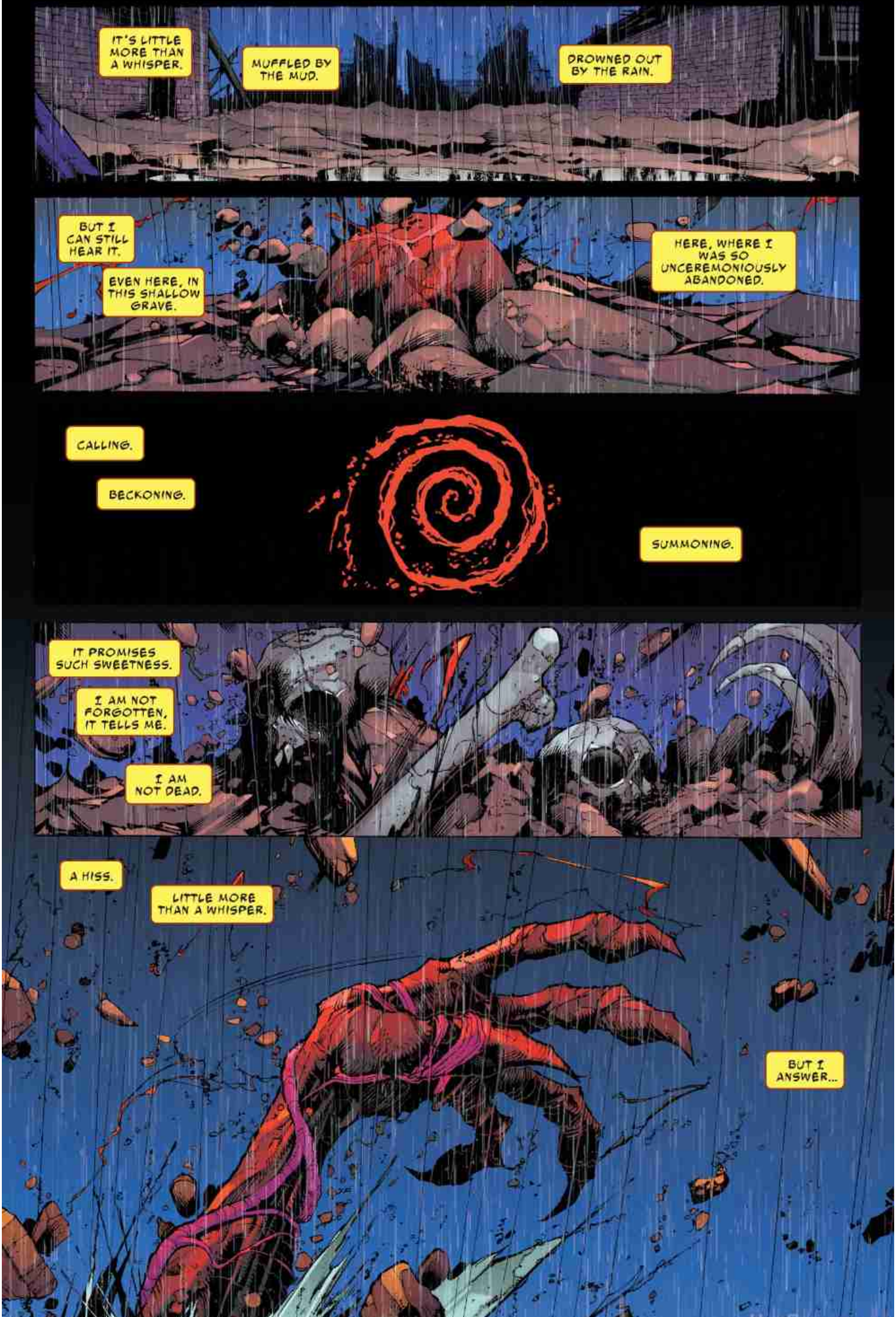
IT'S LITTLE MORE THAN A WHISPER.
MUFFLED BY THE MUD.
DROWNED OUT BY THE RAIN.
BUT I CAN STILL HEAR IT.
EVEN HERE, IN THIS SHALLOW GRAVE.
HERE, WHERE I WAS SO UNCEREMONIOUSLY ABANDONED.
CALLING.
BECKONING.
SUMMONING.
IT PROMISES SUCH SWEETNESS.
I AM NOT FORGOTTEN, IT TELLS ME.
I AM NOT DEAD.
A HISS.
LITTLE MORE THAN A WHISPER.
BUT I ANSWER...
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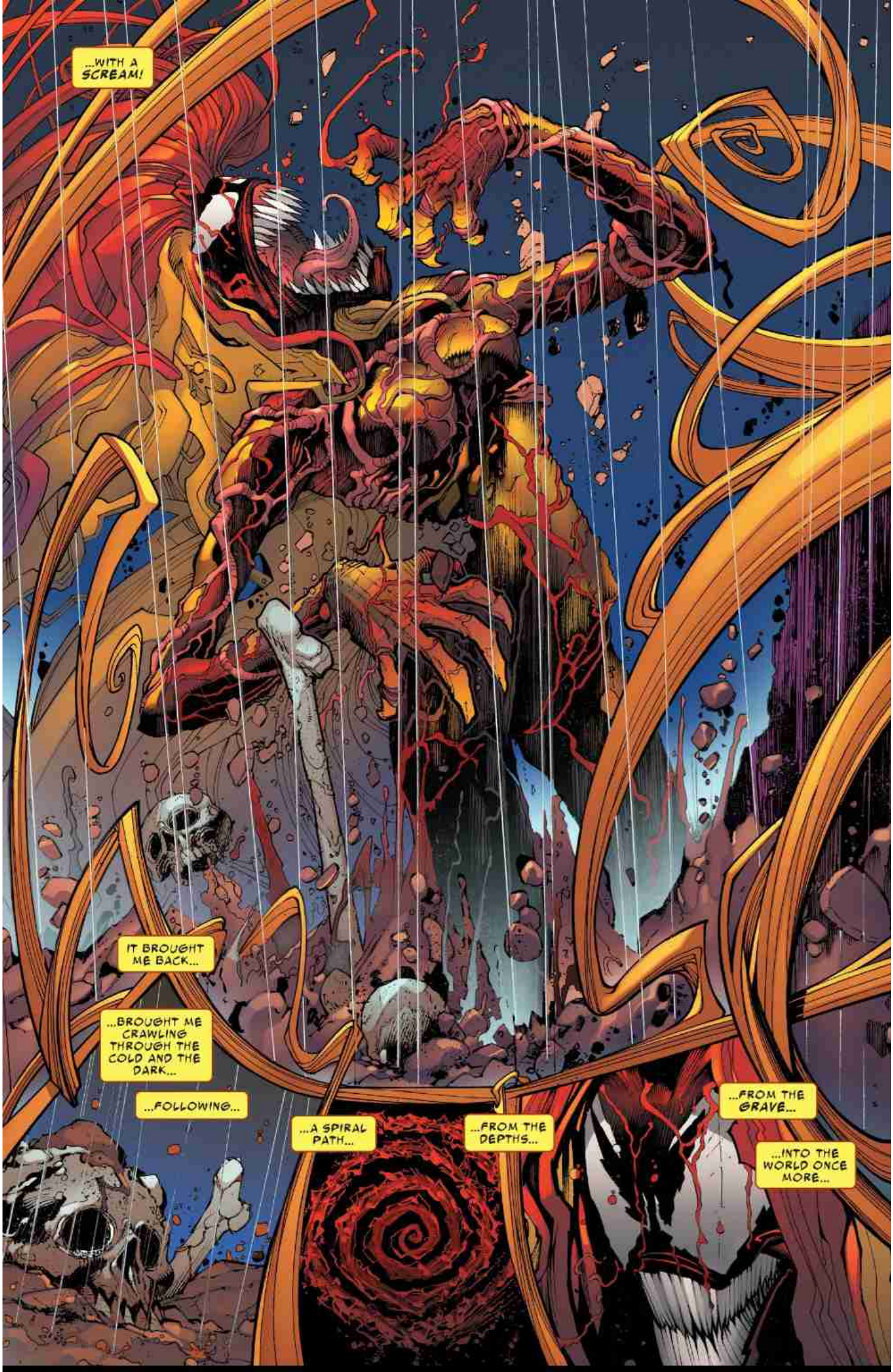

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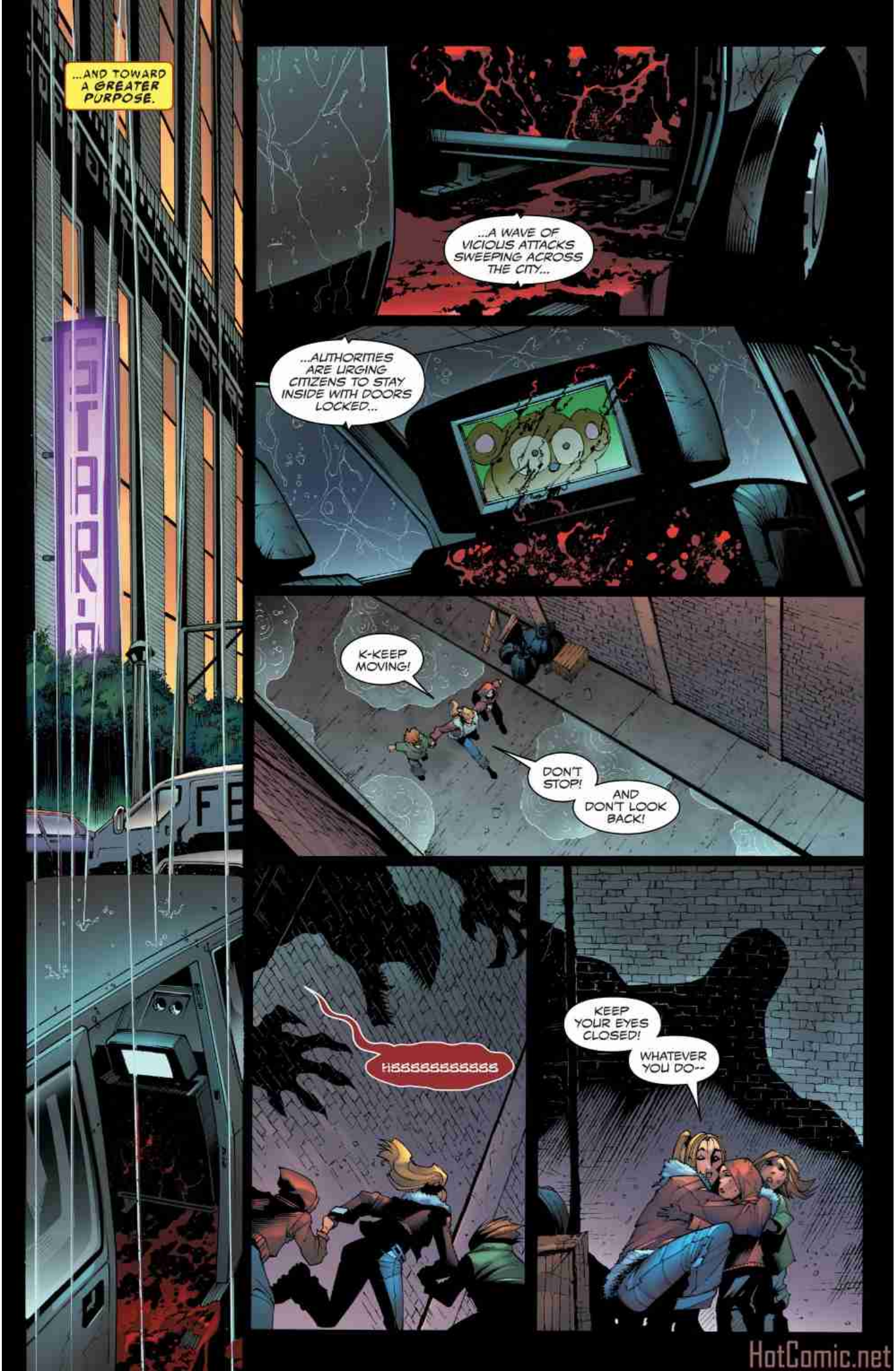
...AND TOWARD A GREATER PURPOSE.
...A WAVE OF VICIOUS ATTACKS SWEEPING ACROSS THE CITY...
...AUTHORITIES ARE URGING CITIZENS TO STAY INSIDE WITH DOORS LOCKED...
K-KEEP MOVING!
DON'T STOP!
AND DON'T LOOK BACK!
HSSSSSSSSSSS
KEEP YOUR EYES CLOSED!
WHATEVER YOU DO--
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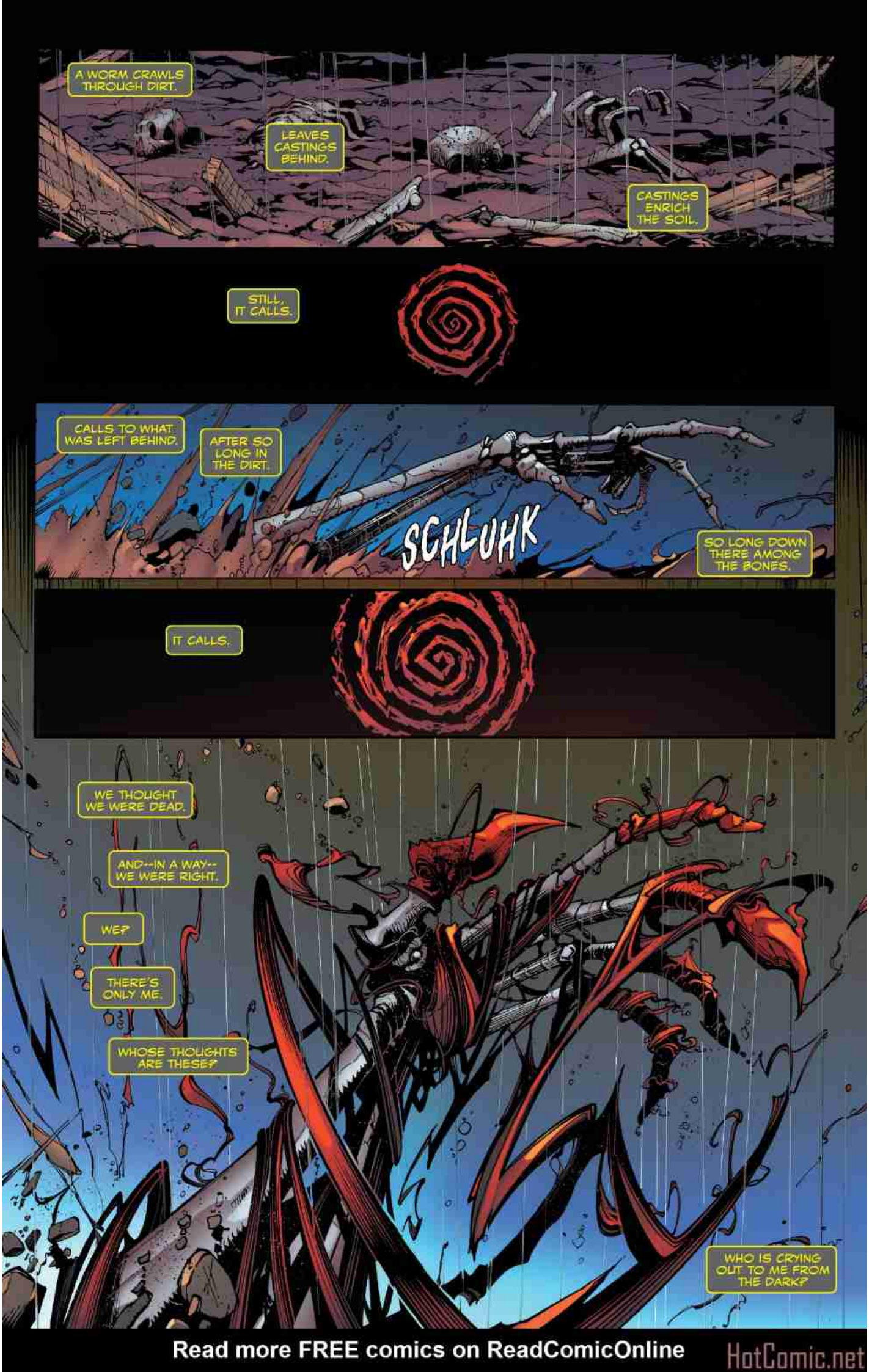
A WORM CRAWLS THROUGH DIRT.
LEAVES CASTINGS BEHIND.
CASTINGS ENRICH THE SOIL.
STILL, IT CALLS.
CALLS TO WHAT WAS LEFT BEHIND.
AFTER SO LONG IN THE DIRT.
SCHLUHK
SO LONG DOWN THERE AMONG THE BONES.
IT CALLS.
WE THOUGHT WE WERE DEAD.
AND--IN A WAY--WE WERE RIGHT.
WE?
THERE'S ONLY ME.
WHOSE THOUGHTS ARE THESE?
WHO IS CRYING OUT TO ME FROM THE DARK?

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STREETS ARE QUIET NOW.
NOT TWO MINUTES AGO, I HEARD SCREAMS.
SCREAMS... AND THEN NOTHING.
I'M ALL TOO FAMILIAR.
ONCE UPON A TIME, WE...
...I...
...WAS VENOM.
BONDED TO A CLONE OF THE SYMBIOTE THAT I CAME ACROSS IN THE WRONG PLACE AT THE WRONG TIME.*
IT WAS TERRIFYING AND FREIGHT-TRAIN LOUD AND FRANTIC.
*IN VENOM #1, WAY BACK FROM 2003, TRUE BELIEVERS! -EDITOR
NOW I'M JUST PATRICIA ROBERTSON.
CARNAGE IS BACK IN NEW YORK.
BUT THE CITY IS DEATHLY QUIET.

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UNTIL IT'S NOT.
REEAARGH!
I WAS ONLY VENOM FOR A SHORT TIME.
BUT LONG ENOUGH.
LONG ENOUGH TO DO SOME DAMAGE.
LONG ENOUGH TO EARN SOME DEBT.
LONG ENOUGH TO MISS IT.
BEEN LYING LOW FOR A WHILE NOW.
MAYBE TOO LONG.
BUT IT'S TIME TO SET THINGS RIGHT.

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EVEN IF IT KILLS ME.
MORE!
SOMETHING IS GOING DOWN IN THE CITY.
SOMETHING RELATED TO SYMBIOTES.
DUH.
AND I'M DONE HIDING.
HSSSSSSK!
DONE WAITING FOR THE NIGHTMARES TO WORK THEMSELVES OUT OF MY HEAD.
DONE PREPPING AND PLANNING AND TRAINING.
BRAKKA-BOOM!

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HAVEN'T TESTED THE ORDNANCE.
DIDN'T HAVE A SYMBIOTE AS A TEST SUBJECT.
COULD'VE GONE THROUGH DOZENS OF LIVE-FIRE DRILLS, THOUGH, AND STILL NOT BEEN READY.
NO TIME LIKE THE PRESENT.
THROWN
SONIC ROUNDS.
GOT THE IDEA FROM THE FOURTH OF JULY.
WHEN WE WERE KIDS, MY BROTHER USED TO BUY WHISTLING BOTTLE ROCKETS.
"SCREAMERS," THEY WERE CALLED.
THE SPIRAL. THE FACT THAT THIS SYMBIOTE IS BONDED TO A CORPSE.
THIS IS SOMETHING I'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE.
AS THE ROUND RIPS THROUGH THE SYMBIOTE, I REALIZE--
WAIT... IS SHE--
NO!
NOT AGAIN!
I AM NOT GOING TO LET THIS HAPPEN AGAIN!
I AM--
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SCREAM
I HAD FORGOTTEN HOW IT FEELS.
THE SURGE OF POWER.
THE STRANGE SENSE OF...TOGETHERNESS... LIKE I DON'T HAVE TO GO IT ALONE, AFTER ALL.
THOUGHTS... BUT NOT MY OWN.
A VOICE IN MY HEAD.
A FRIEND.
A FRIEND?
HER NAME--
MY NAME!
--HAD BEEN DONNA DIEGO.
DON'T YOU TALK ABOUT ME LIKE I DON'T EXIST!
...SOMETHING ISN'T RIGHT...
...TOO MUCH...
...SO MANY VOICES...
...COMING IN ALL AT ONCE...
AND ONE...
SO MUCH LOUDER THAN THE REST.

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--TO HUNT!
PREY SCURRIES THROUGH THE STREETS.
CHASED OUT OF HIDING.
SHE'S IMPORTANT.
THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE.
TO MAKE SURE SHE GIVES GOD HIS DUE.
TO MAKE SURE SHE DIES LIKE A GOOD--
YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHO YOU'RE CHASING, DO YOU?
YOUR BOY CARNAGE MARKED ME FOR DEATH.
BUT HE NEVER BOTHERED TO TELL YOU...
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...THAT I'M ALREADY MARKED...
...BY SOMETHING A LOT WORSE THAN DEATH...
...AND IF YOU COME LOOKING FOR TROUBLE...
...SHE'LL DAMN SURE DOG-WALK YOU UP AND DOWN THE STREETS OF NEW YORK!
ANDI BENTON.
THE HOST-FLESH KNOWS ABOUT HER.
THE HOST-FLESH HAS RESEARCHED HER.
DON'T SWEAT IT.
I'LL MAKE IT QUICK.

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THE HOST-FLESH KNOWS ANDI BENTON WAS ONCE A HOST HERSELF.
THE HOST-FLESH WOULD NEVER ADMIT IT...
...BUT THE HOST-FLESH IS JEALOUS.
FWOOOOOOSH
ANDI BENTON TOOK SOMETHING FROM THE HOST-FLESH...
...AND THEN LOST IT.
SKRRRRRRRRR
THE HOST-FLESH WOULD NEVER ADMIT SHE HATED ANDI BENTON.
THAT REALIZATION IS GOD'S GIFT.

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AT LAST!

After over a year of planning, ABSOLUTE CARNAGE has fallen upon the Marvel Universe!

If this is your first VENOM book in a while, or your first one ever, WELCOME! We hope you survive the experience.

As I write this, ABSOLUTE CARNAGE #1 has only been at the printer for about 48 hours, so we don't have any fan letters from you Venomaniacs out there in Mighty Marveldom just yet...

BUT YOU CAN FIX THAT RIGHT NOW! How?! By writing a letter about this very comic book to us at SPIDEYOFFICE@MARVEL.COM--be sure to mark it "OKAY TO PRINT" and you may just see it in this very column in another issue of ABSOLTUE CARNAGE!

ITEM: No event is complete without an awesome assortment of variant covers, so we wanted to take this opportunity to explain some of the epic variant programs your pals here at the House of Ideas have been working on--and give a shout-out to all of the incredibly talented artists who have contributed to the first wave of variants in the process!

CODEX VARIANTS: These covers showcase characters who have worn Venom or one of its offspring and have codices in their DNA! On this issue, we were fortunate enough to be joined by comics legend Mike Allred, channeling his inner Edvard Munch for this one!

CULT OF CARNAGE VARIANTS: These covers showcase the super villains who have been working with Carnage for the last several months! And who better to kick the program off than the maniacal maestro himself, Cletus Kasady?! Gabriele Dell'Otto joined us for this piece--featured on ABSOLUTE CARNAGE #1--and I dunno about you guys, but as far as I'm concerned, he created straight-up nightmare fuel here.

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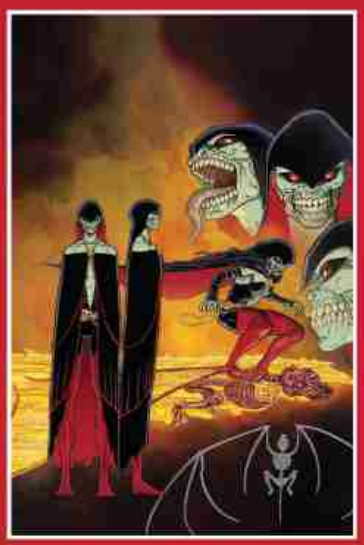
YOUNG GUNS: AH! One of the coolest programs I've ever gotten to work on. The Young Guns are the next generation of industry-defining artists, and each one of them did a variant for the event featuring a redesign of a major Marvel character, based on the part they play in ABSOLUTE CARNAGE.

First we have this STUNNING Demogoblin redesign from Aaron Kuder that was also featured on ABSOLUTE CARNAGE #1:



But when last we saw Demogoblin, it seemed to take a male form. How is it back, and why the change in how it manifests? Are these designs simple fantasy, or will they find their way to the Marvel Universe in the pages of ABSOLUTE CARNAGE? There's only one way to find out, True Believers: KEEP READING!

CONNECTING VARIANTS: Lastly, but certainly by no means least, ABSOLUTE CARNAGE and its tie-in miniseries will each be getting interlocking covers.

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The fifth and final Life Foundation symbiote, Scream has always been one of my favorite Marvel characters, and it's been a treat to watch the character return to prominence as a part of ABSOLUTE CARNAGE! The connecting covers on this miniseries were illustrated by none other than Mark Bagley, and I dunno about you, but they're some of my favorite covers EVER!

One final note on variant covers before we dip to get this issue to the printer.

If you want one of the covers listed here--or any other cover that's a part of ABSOLUTE CARNAGE--and your comic shop doesn't have it, TELL YOUR COMIC SHOP ABOUT THAT SPECIFIC COVER! There should be someone from your shop in touch with someone here at the House of Ideas who'll be able to scare one up. It's never guaranteed, but your local shop should always be your first stop if you're hunting a specific cover down.

And while you're at it, tell them you want the best, and this month the best is CARNAGE! 'Cause this summer…
CARNAGE RULES!
#carnagerules

And don't miss ABSOLUTE CARNAGE: SCREAM #1, one of the best minis I've ever worked on EVER, and ABSOLUTE CARNAGE: MILES MORALES #1 and ABSOLUTE CARNAGE VS. DEADPOOL #1--both on sale next week!

Stay sharp!
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X ABSOLUTE CARNAGE: SCREAM #1
ABSOLUTE CARNAGE: LETHAL PROTECTORS #1
ABSOLUTE CARNAGE VS. DEADPOOL #1
X ABSOLUTE CARNAGE: SEPARATION ANXIETY #1
VENOM #17

SEPTEMBER
ABSOLUTE CARNAGE #3
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ABSOLUTE CARNAGE: SCREAM #2
ABSOLUTE CARNAGE: LETHAL PROTECTORS #2
ABSOLUTE CARNAGE VS. DEADPOOL #2
ABSOLUTE CARNAGE:
GHOST RIDER - SYMBIOTE OF VENGEANCE #1
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VENOM #18
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ABSOLUTE CARNAGE: SCREAM #3
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